

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CR2004-022846-001 DT

01/04/2016

HON. SAM J. MYERS

CLERK OF THE COURT
S. LaMarsh
Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

KARIN TANG ROYLE

v.

JAHMARI ALI MANUEL (001)

DEIRDRE A. GORMAN
CARLA G RYAN

CAPITAL CASE MANAGER
COURT ADMIN-CRIMINAL-PCR
VICTIM WITNESS DIV-AG-CCC

MINUTE ENTRY

Pending before this Court is an ex parte Motion to Determine Counsel and to Allow Attorney Ryan to Withdraw dated January 2, 2016 filed by Defendant's lead counsel Deirdre Gorman.

The Court notes that co-counsel Carla Ryan previously filed a Motion for Substitution of Counsel, which was denied by this Court. A motion to reconsider was filed, and that was also denied.

The Court finds an irreconcilable conflict and completely fractured relationship between lead counsel and co-counsel that is likely to impair the representation of the Defendant. Because there is no constitutional right to co-counsel in a post-conviction proceeding, and because lead counsel has the authority to determine the direction of the representation, the Court finds good cause appearing to grant Ms. Gorman's request to allow Ms. Ryan to be withdrawn.

IT IS ORDERED determining that Ms. Deirdre Gorman is counsel for Defendant.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Carla Ryan be withdrawn as co-counsel for Defendant.